

## Rhode Island.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

I have not been able to learn precisely what things in Rhode Island, but from what I can find out, their difficulties about their Constitution may be illustrated as follows: An old gentleman who has about a dozen sons, has long been accustomed to drive a very steady and family horse, and to keep him in close reins and harness, suffering none of his family who remained under the paternal roof to take the reins except his eldest son Jonathan. The other boys, instigated by a few foreign sailors, wished to help drive before he thought proper, and urged the old man to buy a strong horse; partly to make a change and partly to frighten the old man out of his discretion; but some of the boys, instigated by the sailors, and lacking proper reverence, concluded to reject his selection, and with their new confederates made another selection. The old gentleman discarded both the first and their manner of selecting him, and especially as they discovered they would either throw the reins on the neck of the new horse or give them to the sailors without proper securities, and thereby endanger himself and family; upon which a part of the boys formed a club with the sailors to give the old man a drubbing and make him succumb or call on his neighbors for assistance. Now the venerable Patriarch is decided to keep the old family horse in preference to the niggard beast of their selection, and sees where they have missed in rejecting the new selection of his own.

May be the boys are chagrined chiefly at their folly in rejecting his proposal, and feel conviction that they ought not to despise precedent or let their daddy to effect a change. It so would it not be wise for him to make them another offer of the same identical selection he has once to settle the difficulty? Mayhap they would not refuse him a second time. Such a proposal might avert present contention and its performance harmonize all except foraging sailors, who ought to take time to learn to ride before they undertake to drive.

T. G. B.

**THE ASSOCIATION OF STATE GEOLOGISTS.**—Some of our readers may be inclined to ask what this Association is, and who are its members. To answer this question we have extracted the opening paragraph from an Address of Professor Hitchcock, delivered before the members of this Association at its session last year at Philadelphia.

"Gentlemen of the Association: it may be expected on this occasion, that I should give some account of the origin and progress of this society. The history is short. A number of geologists had for years been employed in prosecuting geological surveys in many widely separated States of the Union, and as they were bringing their labors to a close, they felt a strong desire to compare notes with one another, that they might clear up points obscure in the districts which they had examined, but which might be fully developed in others, and that more uniformity might be secured in the final results. The gentlemen of the New-York survey at length issued a circular, inviting those engaged in similar surveys in the other States to a meeting in this city a year ago. The number that responded to the invitation by their attendance was not large, but I am sure I shall speak the unanimous opinion of all present when I say that the meeting was both pleasant and profitable. It was highly gratifying to those who had long been engaged in the same work, in widely separated fields, and who knew one another only by reputation, to be able to exchange salutations, and hear one another's voices, and share one another's sympathies. Particularly important it was for those of us who are very much insulated from geological society and counsel, to meet those who could solve our difficulties, and by detailing the phenomena of their own districts could throw light upon obscurities that hung over our own. Under these circumstances, it is not strange that the present meeting should have been appointed, that we should have ventured to invite others to join us, who are engaged in similar pursuits although not in the State surveys; and some of whom are our seniors in cultivating the noble science of Geology.

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CITY NEWS.—FRIDAY, April 29.

**SPECIAL SESSIONS.**—Before Judge N. H. Alderman Remond, at Washington Hotel, and Peter Johnson, coroner, were seated in the hall of silver with \$2,000, from Michael Brown. John was acquitted, but Peter found guilty and sent to the Prison 60 days.—John Mahoney, sealing-wearing apparel worth \$7,000, from Alpheus J. Hawley—guilty, penitentiary 60 days.—Edward Galagher, sealing a seal worth \$100, from James P. Lyons, a boy, previously convicted of petty larceny, was discharged on promise of his mother to put him to a trade.—Daniel Cunningham, boy, sealing a \$5 bill from the money drawer of Jacob Ender—guilty—sent to the House of Refuge.—Catharine Johnson, sealing a sum paid to her by Mrs. Moore, old offender, stealing 2 table cloths from Mrs. Mary Connor—acquitted.—Dennis Manning and Patrick Dow, boys, stealing 11 caps, worth \$12 50, from the store of William Kegley—guilty—\$10 fine.—William Thompson, a boy, sealing a sum paid to him by his master, worth \$10, from the store of Thomas Jefferson Smith, Esq.—John T. Jones, a boy, sealing a sum paid to him by his master, worth \$10, from the store of Thomas Jefferson Smith, Esq.—John Young, Principal.

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Parents and Guardians interested in the matter may procure circulars, and all requisite information, by calling on the Directors, at the Institute, 20 Nassau-street, or sending a letter to Dr. Peter, 10 Nassau-street, or Dr. M. D. Dwight, 10 Nassau-street, or Dr. Theodore W. Porter, 10 Nassau-street.

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TEACHER.—Rev. B. Hoyt, Rev. N. N. Whiting, Professor of Languages; Miss Meiggs, Music; Mrs. Hoyt, Embroidery, Drawing, Worsted Work, Hairdressing, &c.

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